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TUESDAY MORNING

Miss Letta Soper Became the Bride of Floyd Maxwell

TRIP TO NORTHERN RESORTS

Home After August 1st At 726 River Avenue—Host of Friends Extend Congratulations

Tuesday morning of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Soper their daughter, Miss Letta, became the bride of Mr. Floyd W. Maxwell. At ten o'clock Mr. Leon Stinchcomb sang "O, Promise Me," and at the close Mr. Harold Miller played Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and the couple, unattended, descended the stairs and took their place in the parlor beneath a floral bower, and were united in marriage by Rev. Wm. H. Mason. The ring service was used, and Mrs. Miller played Liszt's "Liebestraum" during the ceremony.

Immediately afterward the wedding party went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stinchcomb, where a three-course breakfast was served by the Misses Mabel Wyatt, Vinnie Boyd, Laura Gossett, and Emmaline Maxwell. Two tables were used, one placed in the living room and one in the dining room. Both rooms were decorated with festoons of white crepe papers, while white lilies and smilax formed the table decorations. At the bride's home ferns and yellow daisies were twined on the stairs and formed numerous festoons from the chandeliers to the corners of the three front rooms. Ferns and daisies were also used in profusion elsewhere in the rooms, and the bower under which the couple stood was beautiful with the same flowers. Drawn curtains and electric light added to the effect.

The bridegroom was of princess lace over white satin, with chiffon trimmings, and the bouquet was of bride's roses.

After breakfast the couple made a mysterious escape, and were taken by auto to Mt. Pleasant, leaving later in the day for the northern resorts, and will return to Alma August 1st to make their home.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, parents of the groom, Messrs. William and Myron Maxwell, Misses Emmaline, Flossy and Sarah Maxwell, all of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Mabel Maxwell, of Clare.

The bride, Mrs. Maxwell, is one of the most admired young ladies of the city, is a graduate of the high school and kindergarten department of the college. Mr. Maxwell is the manual training teacher of the city schools, and during his two years in Alma has made many friends.

SATURDAY'S STORM

Wrecked Several Barns and Did Damage In Gratiot County

The storm last Saturday afternoon between four and five o'clock, while not of cyclonic proportions, yet caused considerable damage throughout the county. The large barn 40 x 60 of Arthur Dibble, in North Star township, was completely demolished by the wind, as was the barn of James Gibb, in Emerson township. Mr. Gibb also suffered the loss of a large silo in Wheeler township. Trees were uprooted, fences levelled, and minor damage done. The same storm passing through Eaton county cut a swath 80 rods wide through a rich farming county, levelling everything before it. At Charlotte, Chesaning and other cities lightning set fire to many buildings.

GRATIOT COUNTY HONORED.

At the election of officers at the state firemen's meeting at Saginaw last week Gratiot county treasurer, A. P. Lane, was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the association, a position which he has filled with great satisfaction to all concerned.

Alderman George H. Peery left this noon for Kansas City, Missouri, where he assumes charge of the Republic Motor Truck Co.'s agency in that city. He was accompanied by his son, Harold, who will visit his grandparents in Illinois for some time. Mr. Peery will leave for her western home in a few days.

Miss Gertrude Dodge, a former Alma teacher, but recently of Holland, spent Thursday with friends in this city, enroute to her home in Pompeii to spend two weeks. In company with her mother, Miss Dodge will leave soon for California for an extended visit.

REPORT OF EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITHACA, MICH., JUNE 30, 1914.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Equalization to whom was referred the assessment rolls of the several wards of the cities of Alma and St. Louis, and the several townships of said county, we have carefully compared and examined the same, and recommend that the said rolls be hereby equalized for the year 1914 as set forth in the schedule attached. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by: FRANK PEACH, J. M. WILLIAMS, FRANK E. HIMES, E. A. POTTER, C. J. CHAMBERS, Members of Committee on Equalization.
(J. D. HELMAN AND FRED NEWTON, Members of the Committee, not signing.)

| Townships and Wards. | Acres. | Real Estate Assessed. | Personal Assessed. | Total as Assessed. | Added to Real Estate. | Deducted from Real Estate. | Real Estate as Equalized. | Personal as Equalized. | Total as Equalized. |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Arcada | 21,835.07 | \$ 1,368,430 | \$ 68,530 | \$ 1,436,960 | \$ 88,040 | | \$ 1,466,470 | \$ 68,530 | \$ 1,525,000 |
| Bethany | 22,515.10 | 1,160,836 | 76,290 | 1,237,125 | 387,875 | | 1,548,710 | 76,290 | 1,625,000 |
| Elba | 21,610.00 | 1,310,060 | 100,885 | 1,410,945 | | 66,945 | 1,243,115 | 100,885 | 1,344,000 |
| Emerson | 22,356.00 | 1,787,210 | 100,325 | 1,887,535 | | 38,535 | 1,749,675 | 100,325 | 1,850,000 |
| Fulton | 22,451.00 | 1,831,820 | 225,550 | 2,057,370 | | 207,370 | 1,624,450 | 225,550 | 1,850,000 |
| Hamilton | 21,966.02 | 785,125 | 58,325 | 843,450 | | 23,450 | 761,675 | 58,325 | 820,000 |
| Ithaca | 1,943.93 | 1,103,750 | 394,939 | 1,498,689 | 81,311 | | 1,184,400 | 394,939 | 1,580,000 |
| Lafayette | 22,736.00 | 1,668,660 | 85,290 | 1,753,950 | | 78,890 | 1,589,710 | 85,290 | 1,675,000 |
| Newark | 21,798.25 | 1,605,520 | 129,480 | 1,735,000 | | 70,000 | 1,535,520 | 129,480 | 1,665,000 |
| New Haven | 22,805.83 | 1,275,870 | 112,500 | 1,388,370 | | 8,370 | 1,267,500 | 112,500 | 1,380,000 |
| North Shade | 22,731.51 | 1,633,970 | 116,905 | 1,750,875 | 37,125 | | 1,671,695 | 116,905 | 1,788,000 |
| North Star | 21,978.15 | 1,807,890 | 119,210 | 1,927,100 | | 97,100 | 1,710,790 | 119,210 | 1,830,000 |
| Pine River | 21,938.25 | 1,053,430 | 82,960 | 1,136,390 | 453,560 | | 1,537,440 | 82,960 | 1,620,000 |
| Seville | 22,469.00 | 1,108,810 | 107,515 | 1,216,325 | | 61,325 | 1,047,485 | 107,515 | 1,155,000 |
| Summer | 22,553.15 | 1,060,070 | 57,805 | 1,117,875 | 43,125 | | 1,103,195 | 57,805 | 1,161,000 |
| Washington | 22,506.00 | 1,459,330 | 70,740 | 1,530,070 | 49,930 | | 1,559,260 | 70,740 | 1,630,000 |
| Wheeler | 21,566.62 | 1,626,950 | 197,575 | 1,824,525 | | 119,525 | 1,527,425 | 197,575 | 1,725,000 |
| Totals | | \$23,657,720 | \$ 2,100,224 | \$25,757,944 | \$ 1,219,566 | \$ 809,990 | \$24,126,776 | \$ 2,100,224 | \$26,227,000 |
| St. Louis, First Ward | | \$ 128,250 | \$ 30,676 | \$ 158,926 | \$ 55,074 | | \$ 183,324 | \$ 30,676 | \$ 214,000 |
| St. Louis, Second Ward | | 404,620 | 38,618 | 443,238 | 176,762 | | 581,382 | 38,618 | 620,000 |
| St. Louis, Third Ward | | 152,930 | 34,060 | 186,990 | 53,010 | | 205,940 | 34,060 | 240,000 |
| St. Louis, Fourth Ward | | 218,130 | 55,160 | 273,290 | 52,110 | | 270,840 | 55,160 | 326,000 |
| Totals | | \$ 903,930 | \$ 158,514 | \$ 1,062,444 | \$ 337,556 | | \$ 1,241,486 | \$ 158,514 | \$ 1,400,000 |
| Alma, First Ward | 55.00 | \$ 693,645 | \$ 128,975 | \$ 822,620 | | \$ 620 | \$ 693,025 | \$ 128,975 | \$ 822,000 |
| Alma, Second Ward | 115.00 | 864,290 | 110,910 | 975,200 | | 110 | 864,090 | 110,910 | 975,000 |
| Alma, Third Ward | 71.00 | 255,900 | 62,665 | 318,565 | | 565 | 225,335 | 62,665 | 288,000 |
| Alma, Fourth Ward | 91.00 | 349,850 | 308,205 | 658,055 | | 65 | 349,785 | 308,205 | 658,000 |
| Totals | 332.00 | \$ 2,163,595 | \$ 610,755 | \$ 2,774,350 | | \$ 1,360 | \$ 2,162,255 | \$ 610,755 | \$ 2,773,000 |
| GRAND TOTALS | 490,741.25 | \$26,725,245 | \$ 2,868,093 | \$32,163,998 | \$ 1,558,522 | \$ 911,350 | \$27,531,907 | \$ 2,868,093 | \$30,300,000 |

ATTENDED CLASS REUNION

L. A. Sharp returned last week from a three weeks' trip spent in the east. The week of June 7th was spent at Schenectady, New York, where at the Union University he attended the Fortieth reunion of his college class of 1874. Mr. Sharp reports an ideal time, many of his classmates whom he had not seen during the entire 40 years being present on this occasion.

Of the class of 1864, nineteen were present, while the class of 1854, graduated before the Civil war, had five members present. The alumni parade the campus, led by a graduate as grand marshal, who was over eighty years of age.

Following the commencement exercises at the university, Mr. Sharp went to Boston where he attended the convention of the National Northern Baptist Association. The convention was in session the week of June 16 to 23, and was largely attended by the prominent men of the denomination.

GONE TO MADISON.

Monday morning Prof. Albert P. Cook left for Madison, Wisconsin, to start work in the summer school of the University of Wisconsin. Prof. Cook will attend the school for five weeks, the work having started a week ago last Monday. While at the University the Mayor will take advanced work in mathematics, physics and mechanical drawing, though his stay at the University will be somewhat of a vacation from his strenuous duties of the year.

Professor Cook will be met by his son, Maynard, who graduated from the engineering department of the University in June and who is now employed by a Madison firm of mechanical engineers. He will stay with his son during his stay.

The work of the mayor's office will be well taken care of by the present mayor pro tem, Mr. Charles O. Ward.

UNITED BRETHREN.

Regular services next Sunday morning at the usual hour. This is missionary day, and a good attendance is desired. You are welcome.

E. C. CLAPP, Pastor.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

To the Electors of Gratiot County: Believing that in accordance with party usage I am entitled to a re-nomination for Representative in the Legislature, I therefore ask the support of the Republican Electors of Gratiot County at the coming August Primary, and will fully appreciate your support.

Yours respectfully,
NEWEL SMITH.

FOR RENT—Rooms with all modern conveniences. 527 Woodworth ave. Big tent show Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 6, 7 and 8.

TAX FIGURES OF JUNE

Fellows Holds That Counties Have No Right to Seek State Commission Help

A Lansing dispatch to the Grand Rapids Press of June 30 said:

"The decision of Attorney General Fellows that there can be no appeal from June county equalization figures to the state board of tax commissioners will probably clear up what was rapidly becoming a question of much importance in regard to the coming spreading of state taxes in the fall.

The opinion of the attorney general came in the nick of time, so to speak, for many counties had either filed appeals to the state tax commission or were preparing to do so.

The law now gives the counties the right to appeal from the equalization by the county boards. This appeal must go to the state tax commission and it is the duty of that commission to investigate each case and see whether or not the appeal is well founded. Then a decision must be given, upon which the state board of equalization acts.

Mr. Fellows, however, rules that the appeal cannot be taken from the June meeting."

LIGHTNING'S WORK.

For the past two years lightning has been unusually partial in its attentions to Montcalm county, and Vestaburg particularly, and the storm of last Saturday with its attendant electric activity was no exception. Two large barns, those of Ira Evans and Zach Palmer, as well as the Church of God building, were struck and although there was no loss of life and little damage done, for a short time the danger was great.

Ira Evans, Frank Struble of Alma and his son-in-law were badly stunned by the shaft which struck the Evans barn and Evans did not recover for several hours. At none of the three places did the damage amount to much more than twenty-five dollars.

It was just a little over a year ago that the big barn of Mr. J. W. Robinson, just outside Vestaburg, was struck and burned with all the crops in it. The new barn is just being completed.

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

I am a candidate for re-nomination for Prosecuting Attorney, and respectfully ask the support of the people of the county at the Primary, August 25, 1914.

184312-adv. JOHN M. EVERDEN.

AUNT RUTH'S CRICKET CLUB

Aunt Ruth's Cricket Club of the Designer held a home-made candy sale in the window of the Economy Shoe Store yesterday afternoon for the purpose of raising enough money to have their picture taken in order to send it to the Designer to be used on the children's page. The Cricket Club is composed of nine girls, between the ages of eight and thirteen years, and are under the care of Miss Mina Montigel. They hold regular weekly meetings at the respective homes of the girls. The local club was organized this spring and are having many good times as well as receiving beneficial instruction along various lines.

GETS GREASER STORE

J. A. Gerhardt of Reed City To Install

UP-TO-DATE DRY GOODS STOCK

Comes to Alma Highly Recommended After Six Years At Reed City

J. A. Gerhardt of Reed City has leased the Greaser store room recently occupied by Mesdames Humphrey and Adams and will about September first occupy the room with a complete stock of dry goods. Mr. Gerhardt has for six years been in active business in Reed City and comes to Alma with the highest recommendations as a successful business man.

GOOD ENTERTAINER.

Last Monday evening Mr. Lee Sharrar entertained a number of his friends at his home on State street. Music, games and refreshments caused the time to pass quickly and when the young people dispersed they voted Lee a royal entertainer.

ALMA LAWN TENNIS ASS'N.

A meeting of the Alma Lawn Tennis Association is called to meet in the directors' room of the Alma State Savings Bank next Monday (July 6) at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers, arranging for the annual tournament and the transaction of all other business requiring attention. All who are interested in lawn tennis are invited to be present.

Bartley's Market for meat loaf, made to your order on short notice. If Lanshaw Players in their tent in Alma July 6, 7 and 8.

ARCADA FARMER CLUB

Held Interesting Meeting At Home of John Knoertzer In this City

The Arcada Farmers' Club held its monthly meeting for June at the home of John Knoertzer and L. Y. Irish, at 702 and 708 Gratiot avenue. Seventy-eight members and guests responded to the invitation Thursday afternoon and were entertained by an excellent program at the residence of Mrs. Knoertzer and a bountiful luncheon under the trees on the lawn of Mrs. Irish. A song by the club opened the meeting followed by a prayer by Rev. Priest. L. Y. Irish delivered the address of welcome in behalf of both hosts and hostesses. The roll was called and recitations were given by Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. F. Clow, Miss Louise Hainline, Miss Ione Robinson, Miss Irene Wolf and Francis Priest. Kenneth Priest and Robert Baker delighted the guests by a very pretty duet. Rev. Brownlow gave a fifteen-minute talk on the subject of "True Patriotism," in which he contrasted the ordinary noisy Fourth to the ideal Fourth with the dominating idea of honoring the brave men who made the fourth day in July one of the big days of the year, by the upbuilding of character and manhood.

WILL MOVE TO ALMA

Morris Messenger of St. Louis Leases Redman Building.

Wednesday of this week Morris Messenger, the St. Louis clothier, leased the Redman building on East Superior street and will this fall occupy the same with an up-to-date stock of men's furnishings. The room is 40x70 and when finished ready for occupancy will make one of the better salesrooms in this part of the state. Mr. Messenger gets possession of one-half of the building Sept. 1st and the entire building Sept. 15th. Mr. Messenger has many friends in Alma who wish him success in his venture.

Gratiot county Y. M. C. A. Secretary Bayliss, is the proud father of an eight pound baby girl, born Tuesday morning, June 30, 1914.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning service, 10 o'clock. Sermon, "True Patriotism." The Lord's Supper will be observed. Sunday school, 11:30. B. Y. P. U. meeting, 6:30. Topic: "The Friendship Verse"—Prov. 27:9. Leader, J. W. Priest.

During the months of July and August, there will be union meetings on Sunday night. Six churches are participating. Next Sunday night the meeting will be in the Methodist church and Rev. Wm. Mason will preach.

Thursday night prayer meeting at 7:30. All are cordially invited to these services. J. W. Priest, Pastor. Residence, 802 Gratiot avenue.

BROKE HIS ANKLE.

George Rule, while in the employ of the city and at work on the Grant avenue water mains, suffered a broken ankle as a result of a cave-in. The accident happened Tuesday and Mr. Rule is as a result confined to his home on East Superior street.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM SUDDEN DEATH

J. R. Bateman Takes a Spill On East Superior Street—Team Runs Away and Is Caught Near Redman Block—Blacksmith Repairs Damage

The miraculous escape of J. R. Bateman from death Monday afternoon was an act of Providence. Mr. Bateman and Robert Duckworth were returning from the farm of Clarence Wheeler, a mile east of Alma. Each man was driving a high box wagon containing some cattle which they had purchased from Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Bateman was standing in the wagon bed with a steer and driving west on Superior street toward the bridge, when they met a Republic motor truck in the process of testing. The truck was being driven east and had just crossed the bridge a few rods. The horses became frightened and jumped in front of the truck, upsetting the wagon to the north and tossing the steer and Mr. Bateman over the curb and down a fifteen foot embankment, landing in a barbed wire fence. The man was partially pinned beneath the critter and could not get up until the animal was moved. He was scratched about the face and was bruised in several places in addition to a very painful leg. The animal was not injured, the wagon

MEDICAL MEN MEET

Interesting Session Held At Brainerd Hospital

ENJOY FIVE COURSE BANQUET

W. A. Bahlke Addressed the Physicians and a General Discussion Followed

The County Medical Society met at Brainerd's hospital Tuesday afternoon and listened to a talk by Dr. Brooks of Detroit on the subject of "Thiride Diseases" by the aid of eight clinical patients, produced by the society. Dr. Brooks was accompanied by his assistant, Dr. McClure, also of Detroit. Dr. Faust of Ithaca read a paper against prescribing special proprietary medicines. Dr. Crane of Ashley gave a very able description of a case of pleural abscess which he recently treated. W. A. Bahlke gave a short address on the "Legal Relation of Doctors." At the completion of the program an open discussion followed. At 5:30 an elegant banquet was given by Mrs. Brainerd to the guests. A five-course dinner was served and the doctors all forgot their cares and worries and a vote was taken stating this to be the best meeting ever held by the society, thanks to the hospitality of their host and hostess and to the interest shown by all present.

Doctors Wheeler, Barstow and Petty of St. Louis; Dr. Hubbard of Vestaburg; Dr. Schaffer of Elm Hall, Dr. Highfield of Riverdale, Dr. McLaughlin of Elwell; Drs. Morfort, Deane, Weller and Faust of Ithaca; Dr. Panghurst, of North Star; Dr. Crane of Ashley; Dr. Sears of Mt. Pleasant; Drs. Brooks and McClure of Detroit; Dr. Graham of Sumner and Drs. Bagley, Thornburg and Brainerd of Alma were present in addition to many of their wives and friends. W. A. Bahlke and P. W. Creaser were also present. Heretofore the meetings have been quarterly and a new system of monthly meetings will be tried for a while.

CHANGE IN SALARY

Alma's Postmaster Received Notice of Decreased Salary

The state papers announce a cut of \$100.00 in the salary of Postmaster V. P. Cash. The salary of the Alma office is based on the receipts of the office and during the year ending March 31st, 1914, the business was not up to the previous standard. This is largely attributed to one or two manufacturing firms who during that time mailed out less printed matter than theretofore. The business for the past three months at the postoffice is largely in excess of the corresponding months of a year ago and if the same ratio of increase is maintained throughout the year Postmaster Cash will start July, 1915 on an increased salary.